



\$300,000 Wanted for Montreal General Hospital

Established nearly a hundred years ago and situated in the heart of the most densely populated district of Montreal, the General Hospital bears the heaviest burden of any hospital in Canada.

It has the second largest out patient department of any hospital on this Continent, giving 110,536 consultations in 1917, or over 300 per day.

It treated last year 7,665 patients in public wards, and had in its beds an average of 387 patients per day.

It has to deal with most of the accident cases (11,315 in 1917) in Montreal and answered 2,806 ambulance calls last year. (N.B.—Through having no ambulance equipment of its own this has to be hired for each call.)

It is the "willing horse" on any emergency, and carried two hundred cases in the typhoid epidemic last fall.

It reserves 110 beds for soldiers. Although already filled to capacity, it took in 52 emergency cases when the Grey Nunnery was burnt down.

It charges only those who can pay (2,630 indoor patients treated free in 1917), and takes in any sick person that comes to the door if there is a bed vacant, regardless of religion, race or sect. Out of recognition for its services to poor Chinamen, the Chinese Benevolent Association recently, without solicitation, tendered a cheque for \$1,000.

It is the chief training hospital for nurses in Canada. With its staff of 42 of the best physicians, surgeons and specialists in Canada (16 of whom have served or are serving with the Canadian Expeditionary Forces) with house

staff of 187, including 162 nurses and probationers, and with 200 other helpers, the General Hospital is recognised as a **Model of Efficiency**. All complaints are promptly investigated, and as the records show are very seldom found to have been justified. It is also a **Model of Economy**, the cost per patient (including all overhead charges) being only \$3.12 $\frac{3}{4}$ per day, a cost which compares favorably with those of other similar large hospitals on the Continent. But, owing to the war the costs are increasing.

In 1917 as compared with 1916:—

Food cost.....	\$43,690.91 more
Fuel cost.....	24,212.53 "
Labor cost.....	27,000.00 "

As a result, the deficit for 1917 was the largest on record, amounting to \$117,322.81.

Unless the work of this vitally important hospital is to be paralysed, money must be raised at once.

\$300,000 is the minimum required to tide us over present emergencies.

Guide to Contributors:

\$250.00 and an annual contribution of \$25.00 or more entitles you to be Life Governor with vote on the management.

\$500.00 entitles you to name a bed for six months. \$1,000.00 entitles you to name a bed for one year.

Urgently required—Ambulance service and money to maintain it. \$5,000 will purchase and maintain for one year a motor ambulance.

Contributions, small or large, thankfully received.

GIVE WHAT YOU CAN.
VICTORY BONDS ACCEPTED IN LIEU OF CASH.

FARQUHAR ROBERTSON,
Hon.-Chairman
J. T. McCALL,
Hon.-treasurer